

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION (EECBG)
PHASE II SOLICITATION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

1. ***Why are the Cities of Lincoln and Rocklin not listed as an eligible entity in Exhibit 1?***
 - The Energy Commission is administering the EECBG program for the “small jurisdictions” in California. These are cities with populations of less than 35,000 and counties with a population less than 200,000.
 - Lincoln and Rocklin most likely received direct EECBG allocations from the U.S. Department of Energy as they do not meet the definition of a small jurisdiction under the Energy Commission administered program.
2. ***Are County Service Areas, if governed by the County Board of Supervisors, eligible to apply under this solicitation?***
 - Only those jurisdictions listed in Exhibit 1 are eligible to apply for this solicitation. However, eligible entities (as listed in Exhibit 1), if awarded a grant, may spend the grant award to install eligible projects within their community, including within the County Service Areas.
3. ***Can private firms apply for a grant if a city grants the authority?***
 - Only entities listed in Exhibit 1 may apply under this solicitation.
 - However, eligible applicants may choose to subcontract with private firms for the construction of the project.

PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

4. ***If a city received funding for a project under the EECBG Phase I program, can they apply for additional money under EECBG Phase II for a different project? Can they use the Phase II funding to pay for part of the Phase I project that was not funded with Phase I dollars?***
 - Yes, the city may apply for EECBG Phase II funding for a different project.
 - Proposals submitted under this solicitation may only request funding for new projects not previously funded or approved by the Energy Commission. Reimbursement of costs incurred prior to the award of a Phase II grant agreement will not be allowed. Additionally, EECBG funding cannot be used to supplant other ARRA funding previously identified to pay for a project.
5. ***Can we submit an application without a resolution and forward the resolution at a later date?***
 - Yes, a governing board resolution is not required at the time of application. Applicants must, however, obtain a valid resolution prior to expending any grant funds awarded under this solicitation.
6. ***Page 6 of the solicitation indicates that eligible cities and counties must apply as an individual applicant. This seems to prohibit collaborative involvement. The San Joaquin Clean Energy Organization currently works with the lead***

collaborative applicant under EECBG Phase I program to administrate the EECBG for a number of jurisdictions. Can we reprise our role as administrator?

- Under the EECBG Phase II program, applications will only be accepted from individual applicants listed as eligible entities in Exhibit 1.
- However, eligible entities may choose to subcontract with other organizations, firms and/or contractors to complete their project as needed.

7. Is funding under this solicitation awarded on a competitive basis or formula-based?

- Neither. Funding under this solicitation will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as applications are received and accepted as meeting solicitation requirements, and as funding becomes available.

8. Can multiple applications be bundled into a single application?

- No. Only one application will be accepted from each eligible entity.

9. Should multiple applications be submitted if your city has more than one eligible project?

- No, multiple applications will be denied. You should submit one application and list the various projects as separate line items on Attachment B.

FUNDING QUESTIONS

10. Has any money been assigned to this solicitation? Is there a waiting list?

- To date, no dollars have been assigned to this solicitation, but a waiting list is being created as applications are received and accepted as complete.

11. Our project, as currently scoped, is projected to cost \$947,000. Should/can we request funding for the entire project, or should our request be limited to fund a portion of the project? What would be a reasonable amount?

- It is reasonable to request as much funding as needed to complete your project. With that said, the amount of funding currently available under this solicitation is unknown, and as such, the Energy Commission cannot guarantee fully funding successful applicants.
- The Energy Commission will notify successful applicants in writing when funding becomes available. If projects cannot be fully funded, or if funding becomes available in increments, the recipient will have the option of starting a partial project.

12. Is there a percent cap on administration costs that an organization can charge an eligible entity to help administrate their project?

- No. There is, however, a cap on non-equipment costs, as identified in Attachment B to the solicitation. Non-equipment costs should not exceed 50% of the total project cost. For each project where non-equipment costs exceeds 50% of the total cost, please provide written justification for the non-equipment costs.

13. Will the Energy Commission be offering low interest-rate loans again?

- Yes, the Energy Commission is currently accepting loan applications under the Energy Efficiency and Financing Program. Information on this program and a

copy of the application can be found at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/index.html>

TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS

14. Will HVAC projects qualify for funding under this solicitation?

- No, only lighting projects as listed in Exhibit 2 of the solicitation manual will be accepted.

15. Would replacing incandescent fixtures with T8 fluorescent lamps and fixtures be an eligible project?

- No, only lighting projects as listed in Exhibit 2 of the solicitation manual will be accepted.

16. Can an eligible entity replace/retrofit a streetlight fixture if the streetlight pole is owned and maintained by the local utility?

- Yes, an eligible entity may spend the grant funds to install eligible projects within its jurisdiction, even if the streetlight (or facility) is not owned by the applicant.

17. Are solar projects eligible under this program?

- No, only those projects as listed in Exhibit 2 are eligible under this solicitation.

18. Are the projects listed in Exhibit 2 the only projects that will be funded under this solicitation?

- Yes.

19. Are parking lot lights an eligible project?

- No. The retrofit or replacement of parking lot light fixtures is not allowed under this solicitation.

20. Can a jurisdiction submit a project that replaces 32-watt T8 fluorescent lamps with 28-watt T8 fluorescent lamps?

- No, only lighting projects as listed in Exhibit 2 of the solicitation package will be accepted.

21. Are “bell” and “shoebox” type streetlight fixtures eligible under the current solicitation?

- Yes, bell and shoebox type streetlight fixtures are eligible under this solicitation.

APPLICATION FORM QUESTIONS

22. The Scope of Work Template (Exhibit 4) is not a fillable form. Is it possible to get a Word version of this document?

- The Scope of Work Template has been provided simply as information for the applicant and is not required at the time of application.
- Energy Commission staff will work with successful recipients to incorporate appropriate due dates needed to complete the Scope of Work document.

23. I am in the process of completing Attachment B but I am having problems with the formatting. Is there another version of this document available?

- No, this is the only available version. If you find that when clicking the mouse on one cell of this worksheet causes multiple cells to highlight, simply use the arrow keys on the keyboard to navigate through the document instead. You may then enter your data as needed.

24. Is profit allowed under this program? On page 8 of the solicitation, it reads in part “the budget must NOT include any profit from the proposed project, either as a reimbursed item or as match share”.

- An eligible applicant may not include any profit from the proposed project.
- However, this statement does not preclude a subcontractor from charging profit on a project.